

Claims

1. A multi-purpose television primarily designed to display television shows and movies, said television comprising:

    a housing;

    a display unit secured to said housing and located whereby said display unit is capable of displaying a picture that is visible to a person located exterior to said housing;

    a circuit board located within said housing and operatively connected to said display unit;

    a television signal input connector that is accessible from exterior of the television, is operatively connected to said circuit board and is capable of being releasably operatively connected to a source of television signals;

    a still photograph data input connector that is accessible from exterior to the television, is operatively connected to said circuit board and is capable of receiving input from a source of at least one still photograph in digital form;

    a memory chip at least partially located within said housing and operatively connected to said circuit board and to said still photograph data input connector;

    a power supply located within said housing and capable of being connected to a source of electricity located exterior to said television, wherein said power supply provides electrical power for said display unit, said circuit board and said memory chip; and

a logic circuit that is operatively connected to said circuit board, wherein said logic circuit can be activated by a user to cause information stored within said memory chip to be processed and displayed as a still photograph by said display unit in lieu of an image derived from information received via said television signal input connector.

2. The television of Claim 1 further comprising a remote control unit capable of sending a signal to a sensor that is operatively connected to said circuit board, wherein said remote control unit includes a switch actuatable by a user to cause information stored within said memory chip to be processed and displayed as a still photograph by said display unit in lieu of an image derived from information received via said television signal input connector.

3. The television of Claim 2 wherein said remote control unit also includes a second switch associated with determining which channel of the information received by the television signal input connector will be displayed by the display unit.

4. The television of Claim 1 wherein the memory chip is permanently secured within the television's housing.

5. The television of Claim 1 wherein the memory chip is semi-permanently secured within said housing.

6. The television of Claim 1 wherein the memory chip is removable from said television.

7. The television of Claim 1 wherein the still photograph data input connector includes an opening into which a memory storage device may be removably inserted and downloaded to the circuit board.

8. The television of Claim 1 wherein the still photograph data input connector is designed to be releasably operatively connected to a first end of an electrical cable and wherein a second end of said cable is designed to be connected to a port of a computer.

9. The television of Claim 1 wherein the still photograph data input connector is designed to be releasably operatively connected to a first end of an electrical cable and wherein a second end of said cable is designed to be connected to a port of a digital camera.

10. The television of Claim 1 wherein said logic circuit includes a software portion and a hardware portion.

11. The television of Claim 1 wherein when said still photograph data input connector receives input from a source of at least one

still photograph in digital form, said logic circuit includes software that is actuatable by a user to cause said still photograph information to be downloaded to said memory chip.

12. A multi-purpose television primarily designed to display television shows and movies, said television comprising:

    a housing;

    a display unit secured to said housing and located whereby said display unit is capable of displaying a picture that is visible to a person located exterior to said housing;

    a circuit board located within said housing and operatively connected to said display unit;

    a television signal input connector that is accessible from exterior of the television, is operatively connected to said circuit board and is capable of being releasably operatively connected to a source of television signals;

    a still photograph data input receiver that is accessible from exterior to the television, is operatively connected to said circuit board and is capable of removably receiving a memory storage device in which at least one still photograph is stored in digital form;

    a power supply located within said housing and capable of being connected to a source of electricity located exterior to said television, wherein said power supply provides electrical power for said display unit, said circuit board, and said still

photograph data input receiver; and

a logic circuit located within said housing and operatively connected to said circuit board, wherein when said memory storage device is located in said receiver, said logic circuit can be activated by a user to cause information stored within said memory storage device to be processed in a manner whereby said still photograph of said memory storage device will be displayed by said display unit in lieu of an image derived from information received via said television signal input connector.

13. The television of Claim 12 wherein said receiver is in the form of a disk drive powered by said power supply.

14. A multi-purpose television primarily designed to display television shows and movies, said television comprising:

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a display unit secured to said housing and located whereby said display unit is capable of displaying a picture that is visible to a person located exterior to said housing;

a circuit board located within said housing and operatively connected to said display unit;

a television signal input connector that is accessible from exterior of the television, is operatively connected to said circuit board and is capable of being releasably operatively connected to a source of television signals;

a still photograph data input receiver that is accessible from exterior to the television, is operatively connected to said circuit board and is capable of removably receiving a memory storage device in which at least one still photograph is stored in digital form;

a memory chip located within said housing and operatively connected to said circuit board and to said still photograph data input receiver;

a power supply located within said housing and capable of being connected to a source of electricity located exterior to said television, wherein said power supply provides electrical power for said display unit, said circuit board, said still photograph data input receiver, and said memory chip; and

a logic circuit located within said housing and operatively connected to said circuit board, wherein when a memory storage device is located within said receiver, said logic circuit can be actuated by a user to cause still photograph information located in said memory storage device to be transferred into said memory chip, and wherein said logic circuit can also be activated by a user to cause information stored within said memory chip to be processed and displayed as a still photograph by said display unit in lieu of an image derived from information received via said television signal input connector.